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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
JAN H. ZICHA ) Examiner: Frantz F. Jules  
Application No.: 10/050,937 ) Art Unit: 3617  
Filing Date: January 22, 2002 )  
For: THE BLOCK RETAINER AND TIE ) April 7, 2005  
BLOCK SLEEVE FOR RAILWAY TIES  
WITH INSERTED BLOCKS  
(Formerly: Internally Resilient Tie for Railway Track)

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT B

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005, the claims of Amendment A have been re-written. They reflect the Allowable Subject Matter included in the Office Action dated January 12, 2003. The claims are submitted as Amendment B. Please amend the above application accordingly.

Acceptance of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The applicant may be reached at (301) 322 5233 or (240) 383 0579. All Correspondence should be directed to the applicant's below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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